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MEMORANDUM FOR: 

SUBJECT : Murphy Commission

1. In line with your discussion at lunch today with Fisher Howe of the Commission, I have reviewed the attached request from Mr. Bacchus in an effort to find how we can be most helpful to him. As I understand your informal agreement with Mr. Howe, we will try to be as forthcoming as possible under the ground rules acceptable to State and CIA security. Moreover, it will not be necessary for any of Mr. Bacchus' research staff to have actual access to the documents or estimates to which they refer. They can instead simply be briefed from those documents as appropriate.

2. I have talked with the Office of Security, and they can endeavor to give Mr. Oldenburg (as well as Mr. George) their blessing for an operational SECRET clearance on a need-to-know basis with the same explicit understanding that they have with State Department, i.e., the use of such information will not include the citation of materials or individuals. For them to move forward on these two men, as well as on any others who come along, they ask that we give them a formal request and provide as much identifying data on the people as possible. They could probably clear both men within a few days, if we can start immediately. I have initiated the action and will advise Mr. Howe that we are taking such steps.

3. With particular reference to Mr. Oldenburg's request, I will discuss with the DDI Questions 3, 4 and 5 which you feel can and should be handled by DDI officers on a SECRET level and in a general, broad way. Question 2 is a matter for the Department of Defense, and I will prepare a note to Fisher from you to that effect. Since Question 1

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is of such sensitivity throughout this Agency, I will seek further judgments as you suggest from DDI and include comments to Fisher on this question as well. I will also be present as much as possible during any conversations with Murphy Staff people and ensure that the ground rules are precisely understood on a case-by-case basis.

4. I will, of course, follow your instructions to deal through the Deputy Directors and the Office heads and will not initiate any contacts without their clearance.

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- b. The Murphy Commission  
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Mr. Colby advised that he had circulated the memorandum from Ambassador Murphy, Chairman of the Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy, for Board information (reference). He said that Ambassador Murphy's letter appeared to represent an acceptable approach to examination of the subject of how intelligence relates to foreign policy. He noted that Ambassador Murphy did not intend to conduct an investigation of the organization of intelligence itself, although some of the studies may lean in that direction. Mr. Colby said that if this presents a problem during the study phase, the principles established in Ambassador Murphy's memorandum should apply.

c. Mr. Colby advised the Board that President Ford is an assiduous user of intelligence and is now being provided a daily intelligence briefing. Mr. Colby observed that the President appreciates intelligence and the support it can provide him.